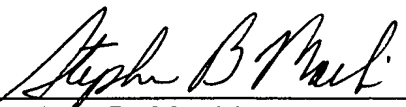


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to prevent Applicants incurring a surcharge for one or more multiple dependant claims. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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